

OUR HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

A COLUMN DEVOTED TO THE HOME.

It is beautiful to give one day to the ideal—to have one day apart.

One day for generous deeds, good will, gladness.

One day to forget the shadows, the rain, the storms of life; to remember the sunshine, the happiness of youth and health.

One day to forget the briars and thorns on the winding path, to remember the fruits and flowers.

One day in which to forget yourself and think lovingly of others.

One day for the family, the fire-side, for the wife and children for the love and laughter, the joy and rapture of home.

One day in which books and stocks and deeds and notes, and interest and mortgage, and all kinds of business and trade are forgotten, and all stores and shops and factories, and offices and banks, and ledger and accounts, and lawsuits are cast aside, put away and locked up, and the weary heart and brains are given a voyage to fairyland.

Let us hope that such a day is a prophecy of what all days will be.

Tell Mary you love her just like you used to. It may surprise her but it will do her good.

Who says a woman has nothing to do? In one year she cooks breakfast, dinner and supper each 365 times, wash dishes 1,095 times, gets the children ready for school twice a day for 180 days, and puts the baby to sleep 1,560 times, not to mention a few other odd jobs.

In home there should be no jar, no striving for place, no insisting on prerogatives, or division of interest. The husband and wife are each the complement of the other. And it is as much his duty to be cheerful as it is hers to sweep and garnish the pleasant interior. A family where the daily walk of the father makes life a festival, is filled with a heavenly benediction.

Let no young man of industry and perfect honesty despair because his profession or calling is crowded. Let him always remember there is room enough at the top, and that the question whether he is ever to reach the top, or rise above the crowd at the base of the pyramid, will be decided by the way in which he improves the first ten years of securing to himself a thorough knowledge of his profession, and a sound, moral and intellectual culture.

You may think it weak or childish, if you please, but it is the admired wife—the wife who hears words of praise, and who receives smiles of commendation—who is capable, discreet and executive. We have seen a timid, meek, self-distrustful little body blossom out into strong, self-reliant womanhood under the tonic and cordial companionship of a husband who really went out of his way to find occasion for showing her how much he trusted her judgment and how tenderly he referred to her opinion.

Love always gives. Service has a thousand forms. Sometimes it is poverty that stands at our door and relief is wanted. More often it is not money nor bread, but something

more precious, friendship, sympathy. Sorrow or loneliness is before us. A mother's heart is breaking. Money would be useless—it would be a mockery. But we can hold to the neighbor's lips a cup of the wine of love, filled out of our own hearts, which will hearten the sufferer. Or it is the anguish of a life struggle, a human Gethsemane, beside which we are called to watch. We can give no actual aid—the soul must fight its battles alone; but we can be as the angel that ministered to our Lord's Gethsemane imparting strength and helping the weary struggler to win the victory.

Do not take up babies every time they cry or they will soon learn to cry a great deal for that purpose. Be sure that they are made comfortable in every particular, and it will not hurt them to cry a little, and the wailing will soon cease if the child's wishes are not gratified. It is easier than one would at first suppose to teach infants to go to sleep without rocking, singing or telling stories to them. It is temptation to fold a sweet baby in one's arms and lull it to sleep, but when we contemplate the number of times that this must be done when we have not time for it, it is better to forego the pleasure. Begin just as you wish to continue, insisting upon as great a regularity as possible in its eating, sleeping and all things; watch closely and do not let little habits form that will be trouble afterward, such as leaving a light for the little ones to go to sleep by, and a legion of others too numerous to mention. Most children are over fed, and they fret and cry and are unmanageable in consequence.

To the true man or woman there can be nothing more agreeable on earth than the business of home-making; and all who are not home makers miss the best part of their mission in life. Whoever makes a home, in the best sense of the word, is a real benefactor to the race; for every true home is the abode of joy, peace, happiness and security to those that share in it, and exerts an influence that is incalculable for the amelioration of the whole human family. Many a prodigal has been led by the thought of home, and the makers of his own particular home, to repent of his sins and to change his course in life; and many an unfortunate one has been saved in the evil hour from suicide, or worse, by the tender recollections of home, a fond mother's prayers, an indulgent father's counsels, or a sister's or brother's tenderness.

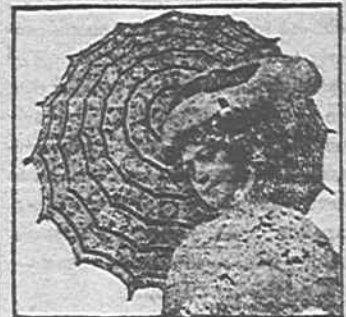
Yes, whoever helps to make a true home confers a benefit on mankind that no man can fully estimate. Indeed, the influence of the true home for good is absolutely incalculable, and reaches many even that never enter its inner circle. Simply to get a glimpse of it is to receive an impulse toward better things, to obtain a more exalted view of life, and to feel an access of faith in good and the immortality of the human soul. It is like a vision of the glories of the New Jerusalem and the everlasting abitations, and no one can be wholly bad who has seen such things.

PARASOLS OF THE TIME.

A Modiste's Idea That Pretty Hands Only Should Carry Them.

"What is the latest thing in parasols?" I asked a Fifth Avenue modiste, an artist in her line.

"It is to be printed—yes? Well, then, please say this, if you say nothing else—no woman with a large, bony hand should carry a parasol. It is bad enough on a rainy day that she must carry an umbrella, but the other exhibition is unnecessary. There is something in the way a parasol is held that exaggerates all the ugliness of a homely hand. It looks even thicker than it is, and the muscles and knuckles stand out even through the disguise of the best fitted kid gloves. No.



AN ORIENTAL CONCHIT.

Indeed, madame, tell your readers the parasol is only for the woman with the pretty hand and wrist.

"Now, as to novelties what shall I say? The greatest perhaps is the raffia parasol, made of coarse fiber, as its name suggests, with a coarse fringe of the same. It is pouzée, colored and designed to go with gowns of this description.

"Next comes the checked one, but glorified this year with a border of stripes. This is for checked and striped silk gowns.

"Then we have the bronze parasol, designed to accompany bronze boots and a bronze hand bag. Madame has noticed the craze in bronze? Well, everything must match. This parasol is of dark brown iridescent silk, and the handle is bronzed. It has a topaz set in the handle.

"Of course while I am showing you these models you are noticing the extreme length of the handles, designed to go with the short waisted gowns. The long skirt line must be unbroken, and it is quite wrong to wear a short banded parasol with a directoire gown. It spoils the entire effect.

"You have noticed also, I suppose, the increased number of spokes? The inside of some of the more dressy specimens has a ribbon threaded in and out of these or a bit of chiffon with a single artificial rose. For instance, this real lace one has a suggestion of rose pink worked next to the face in this way.

"Some very striking creations are made of silk handkerchiefs joined together with an oriental effect. This one," showing a design, "is made out of a border of extravagantly marked foulard silk. I should suggest these for seashore or coaching wear."

"Is there anything particularly remarkable about this season's demand in colors?" I asked.

"Why, yes; very little white is to be worn, even with white costumes. The tendency is to repeat the color of the hat, which is usually, I may add, a brilliant shade, for this year hats and costumes do not match."

ELINOR WATKINS.

Marry When You Are Ready.
Take a pair that has passed Spoons Island. Such people can love. Because there is a trademark on sentiment that has been knocked about is no reason why it should be sent into an undiscovered country from which there is no return. Should a pair of this classification fling and vibrate after the engagement or marry as soon as the girl can get her gown made? If a woman who has stopped counting her birthdays can't guess—guess is the word, for in this business nobody ever knows—what the man has in him, the man who has come near enough to her life to ask her to become his wife. It is not likely that she ever will know. More so with the man. Marry. The game of waiting for something better has made more old maids than can be crowded between New York and San Francisco.

Marry in haste, repent at leisure, is one of the oldest signboards on the road of life. There are no statistics in the quiver of Cupid. Maybe some logician can prove otherwise, but it is a safe shot that it is better to marry than not to marry at all. "Is better to have loved or to think you have loved than not to have thought at all."

There is a school of fictionists that keep harping on that old string that when Poverty crosses the lintel of the house Love jumps out of the back window and disappears down the alley. It was not so when pa and ma set up housekeeping. If it is the right brand of the article it won't do it now. There is not a very close connection between commercialism and Cupid's line of goods, but the successful man of business of the age in which we are living has this motto on his desk: "Do It Now." The rule that won't figure out the same whichever way you place it is not worth following.

A Busy Widow.
Mrs. Catherine Bell is editor of a newspaper in Canon City, Colo., her own housekeeper, probation officer in her home county, president of the board of county visitors, special agent to the county commissioners, humane officer and secretary of the local humane society. She is a widowed mother of three, whom she supports and cares for well.

Woman

Features in this Column:
Success of Mrs. Kitson
A Girl's Homestead Life
Widow Head of a Bank

Mrs. Theo Ruggles Kitson, wife of the noted Boston sculptor, shares with her husband the honors of their studio. Her first work was in snow. When she was a child Alice Ruggles modeled a snow horse in her father's yard in Brookline fifty years ago. Her parents encouraged her longing to be a sculptor. Later on she became a pupil of Henry Hudson Kitson. Her aptitude for modeling won her instructor's admiration and confidence. She went to Paris to finish her tuition, but all the time she was there she was under the guidance of Kitson. When she was eighteen years of age she had done so well that some of her modeling was exhibited in the Paris salon and received honorable mention. She returned to her home and soon after became the wife of her teacher. Her specialty is the modeling of military subjects. She has made several notable military monuments. One of these stands in the national battleground at Vicksburg. Another which has attracted much favorable attention is the monument erected in Galesburg, Ill., known as



MRS. THEO RUGGLES KITSON.

the "Mother" Bickerdike monument. The subject was a famous nurse during the civil war. The Kitsons have a pleasant home in Boston and have many friends in social life. Mrs. Kitson, while fond of domestic life, is devoted to her art.

Homestead Life of a Girl.

Miss A. S. White of Medford, Mass., went west for her health. She staked and proved a claim of 100 acres in North Dakota. Six months after filing her claim the lumber for the shack was delivered. Work on the shack, an 8 by 10 building, began in the morning. Miss White assisted the carpenters, and by night the shack was under roof and floored. The mattress was laid on the floor, and there the new "homesteader" slept that night. Provisions had been delivered from Chicago. The first meal consisted of onions, potatoes and pork chops. The chops were the last fresh meat the young woman and her friend, another girl, tasted for two months. Furniture was added from time to time. This consisted of a couch and two boxes which also served as chairs. The couch was stored under the couch. Miss White dug the cellar herself, and in it were stored her provisions and canned goods. Two other shacks near by were built by other homesteaders, friends of the eastern girl. As soon as the newcomers were "at home" they received calls from farmers, the nearest of whom lived five miles distant. The postoffice was sixteen miles away. The "family wash" was carried to a well four miles from the shack. Cows came in droves. In the city when a young woman's new friends call they bring flowers and chocolates. The cowboys who called on Miss White brought potatoes and other table necessities. In this shack Miss White lived eight months.

Widow Banker and City Official.

Mrs. Minnie Y. Trickey of Rosedale, Kan., just across the state line from Kansas City, Mo., is president of the Commercial State bank of the town, treasurer of the municipality and owner of considerable property in the vicinity. She has been a director of the bank ever since it was established and succeeded the first president after he retired. After her election she made the following little speech: "Gentlemen, this bank will be run in a conservative, businesslike way and according to the banking laws of Kansas." As treasurer of the town she does that work in her home, thus saving the rent of an office. The salary when she accepted the office was \$50 a month. She concluded that it was not worth more than \$30 and thus reduced the payroll at her own suggestion. When her husband was clerk of the district court of the county she was his assistant, and it was while in that place she made a study of business and became familiar with the politics of the state, although she has no wish to figure in any party movement. She lives alone and when not engaged in her work is fond of Dickens, Hugo and Thackeray. She attends her own garden and little orchard. From the latter she gets all the fruit used in her home.

MARIA WILLIS CAMPBELL.

Nursing Mothers and Over-burdened Women

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN GRAHAM DISTRICT, MASON COUNTY, W. VA.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust, executed by Stella Grimm and Warner Grimm, her husband, Adolph Roush and W. V. Roush, her husband, Millie Roush and Charles B. Roush, her husband, Almeron Fry and Ivy Fry, his wife, and Sarah C. Fry, to the undersigned, E. J. Somerville, Trustee, dated the 2nd day of February, 1909, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Mason County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 22, page 366, &c., to secure the payment of a certain debt evidenced by a promissory note, signed and executed by Sarah C. Fry, Stella Grimm, Adolph Roush, Millie Roush and Almeron Fry, dated the 2nd day of February, 1909, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and payable to L. A. Fulcher, or order, and which said note has been assigned by said L. A. Fulcher to G. M. Roush, and default having been made in the payment of said note, and the trustee being authorized by said G. M. Roush to do so, I shall on

Saturday, the 19th day of June, 1909,

at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the front door of Court House of said Mason County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following several described tracts of land, which are situated in the State of West Virginia, County of Mason and District of Graham, the first of which tracts is bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone in the public road, and corner to Richard tract; thence S. 16° W. 100 poles and 17 links to a stone three feet south of a sassafras; thence with the military line N. 27° W. 74 poles to a stone; thence N. 9 deg. E. 155 poles to the place of beginning; the old road; thence S. 88° E. 80 poles to the beginning, estimated to contain Eighty-one acres and 27 poles.

The second of said tracts containing twenty-one acres, is bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone in Gahr line, and corner to Mary Roush, two white oaks and a black oak pointers; thence S. 16° W. 86 poles to a stone in Richard's line, and with a black oak and maple for pointers; thence N. 27° W. 40 poles to a stone and small sapling for pointers; thence N. 24° E. 86 poles to a stone in Gahr line, an ash and hickory pointers, thence with said line S. 27° E. 80 poles to the place of beginning. The third of said tracts containing twenty-six acres, more or less, is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone in the middle of the public road, in the line of Chris Hart; thence leaving said line N. 16° E. to a stone; thence N. 78° E. 105 poles to stone 3 poles and 9 links off of said Hart's line; thence N. 15° E. 28 poles to a stone; thence to a stone on the E. side of the spring; thence N. 16 deg. E. 23 poles and 21 links to a stone on the east side of the spring branch; thence N. 64° E. 20 poles and 11 links to a stone in the north line of the entire tract; thence S. 81° E. 44 poles to a stone; thence with the Richard line N. 21° E. 80 poles to a stone; thence N. 86° W. 50 poles and 5 links to the place of beginning.

The fourth of said tracts, is the residue of a fifty-acre tract hereafter described, after a conveyance by said William Fry and wife to Warner and Stella Grimm by deed dated the 10th day of March, 1902, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the said County in Trust Deed Book No. 69, page 45, &c. The tract thus remaining after said conveyance from said fifty-acre tract is estimated to contain two acres. The original tract fifty acres is bounded as follows:

Beginning at a white oak, corner to Samuel and Lewis Roush; thence with Lewis Roush's line S. 19° W. 58 poles to a stone; thence S. 33° E. about 38 poles to a stone in the middle of the turnpike road in the line of Christian Hart; thence leaving said line a north course 16 ft. to a stone set in the middle of the road; thence leaving said road N. 78° E. about 12 poles to a stone set opposite the corner of the old barn; thence N. 15° E. about 38 poles to a stone set on the east side of the spring; thence N. 6 deg. E. about 125 poles to a stone set on the east side of the spring branch; thence N. 26° E. about 215 poles to a stone set in the north line of the entire tract on the west side of the spring branch; thence N. 88° E. to the place of beginning.

Terms of sale—Cash.

May 19-14.

The above sale is adjourned until Saturday, July 3, 1909, this 19th day of June, 1909.

E. J. Somerville, Trustee.

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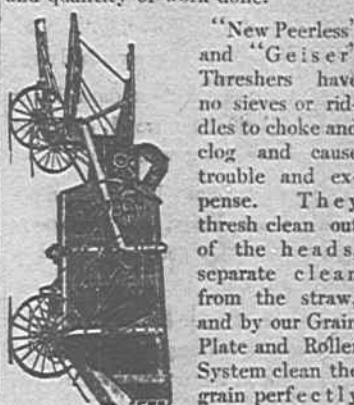
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In the Gould divorce suit in New York, Mrs. Gould was granted a divorce, which both of them wanted, and was allowed \$36,000 a year alimony, which neither wanted just that way. The Mrs. wanted several times that much and he wanted nothing. The one good thing about it all is that it is certain \$36,000 of the Gould fortune will go into circulation annually.

While the great zoological garden of London has 1,631 birds, there are 2,530 in New York's Bronx Zoological Park.

ITALIAN women may not engage in any industrial pursuit which occupies their time at night. Males under 15 years of age are also barred from night work.

BOY KILLED NEAR MASON.

A deplorable accident happened near the Adamsville cemetery above Mason City last week. It seems that Cecil ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roush, was out in a lane playing with a younger brother. Finally they got to throwing stones at each other in a boyish way. It so happened that a stone from the younger brother struck Cecil in the stomach, with the result that inflammation set in and he died Tuesday evening.

It has been discovered that cigars are being made from alfalfa and the discovery comes as a real relief, as it has been the general impression that some of them were made of something infinitely worse.